2015–16 Assessment Schedule

The test dates listed below are for assessments administered through the South Carolina Department of Education's Office of Assessment. Some test dates have not been determined because testing contracts have not been awarded. Districts will be notified when changes are made to this schedule.

Prekindergarten and Kindergarten Assessments

Districts must administer assessments to each student in 4-year-old and 5-year-old kindergarten once during the first 45 days of the school year and once during the last 45 days of the school year. Districts may choose the assessment to administer to 4-year-old kindergarten students from the list below. All districts must administer the DRA-2nd Edition Plus to 5-year-old kindergarten students.

4-Year-Old Kindergarten

Pals

MyIGDIs

GOLD

5-Year-Old Kindergarten

DRA-2nd Edition Plus

End-of-Course Examination Program (EOCEP)

Algebra 1, English 1, Biology 1, and US History and the Constitution

Fall 2015/Winter 2016

Testing Window	November 30, 2015–January 27, 2016
Electronic Reports Available to Schools	36 hours after testing
Data File to Districts	March 4, 2016
Paper Reports to Districts	March 18, 2016

Spring 2016

Testing Window	May 2–June 3, 2016
Electronic Reports Available to Schools	36 hours after testing
Data File to Districts	July 15, 2016
Paper Reports to Districts	July 27, 2016

Summer 2016

Testing Window	June 20–July 22, 2016
Electronic Reports Available to Schools	36 hours after testing
Data File to districts	August 24, 2016
Paper Reports to Districts	September 9, 2016

ACT WorkKeys®
Grade 11

	Paper/Pencil Administration	Online Administration
2016 State Testing Window	March 2, 2016	February 22 – March 18, 2016
Make-up Testing Window	March 16, 2016	
Accommodations Testing Window	March 2 – 16, 2016	

ACCESS for ELLs® and Alternate ACCESS for ELLs®
English Language Proficiency Assessments, Grades K-12

Testing Window	February 2 – March 18, 2016

South Carolina Palmetto Assessment of State Standards (SCPASS)
Science and Social Studies, Grades 4-8

	Paper-Based Testing	Computer-Based Testing
Science	May 11	May 11-May 27
Social Studies	May 12	May 11-May 27
Make-Up Testing Window	Through May 19	

South Carolina College and Career READY Assessments (SC READY)
English Language Arts and Mathematics, Grades 3-8

	Paper-Based Testing	Computer-Based Testing
ELA Session 1 - Writing	April 26	April 19-May 6
ELA Session 1 - Reading	April 27	April 19-May 6
Mathematics	April 28	April 19-May 6
Make-Up Testing Window	Through May 6	

Alternate Assessments

South Carolina National Center and State Collaborative (SCNCSC) ELA and Mathematics, Ages 8–13 and 16

Testing Window	March 7–April 22, 2016

South Carolina-Alternate Assessment (SC-Alt)
Science and Social Studies, Ages 9–13; Biology, Age 16

Testing Window	March 7–April 22, 2016

Gifted and Talented Programs

Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and Iowa Assessments (IA)
Grade 2

Administered as part of the process to identify students for the gifted and talented programs

Testing Window	October 21–November 11, 2015
Reports to Districts	December 10, 2015
CD ROM Data File to Districts	December 10, 2015
Make-up Testing Window	January 14–21, 2016

Performance Task Assessments

Administered as part of the process to identify students for the gifted and talented programs

Testing Window	February 16–March 3, 2016
Reports to District	May 9, 2016

National and International Assessments

National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Districts were notified in June 2015 if schools in the district were selected to participate.

NAEP testing window	January 25–March 4, 2016
Only state-level results are available	

Program for International Student Assessment (PISA)

Districts were notified in February 2015 if schools in the district were selected to participate.

PISA testing window	October 5–November 13, 2015

Progress in International Reading Literacy Study (PIRLS)

Districts were notified in May 2015 if schools in the district were selected to participate.

2016 PIRLS testing window	March 1–May 27, 2016

Assessments For Which Test Dates Have Not Yet Been Determined

End-of-Course Assessments for Geometry and English 2

These assessments will be administered beginning in spring 2016, if required for federal accountability. Test names and administration dates will be announced as soon as the procurement activities are finalized.

Summative Assessments for ELA and Mathematics

Grade 11 (Grades 9 and 10, if funds are available)

Test names and administration dates will be announced as soon as the procurement activities are finalized.